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Report on Argo float WMO 3902505 deployment

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Argo float deployment for WMO 3902505

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1. Deployment design

Following the Argo program goals, the floats' density criteria calls for a 3° x 3° grid cells coverage distribution of (Fig. 1). To maintain the global Argo network coverage and taking in account the current distribution of the Argo floats, Argo - España planned 3 float deployments per year as part of the Euro-Argo European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC). Due to the keen interest of the European community in monitoring marginal seas, SOCIB deploys 1 Argo profiling float in the Balearic sea.

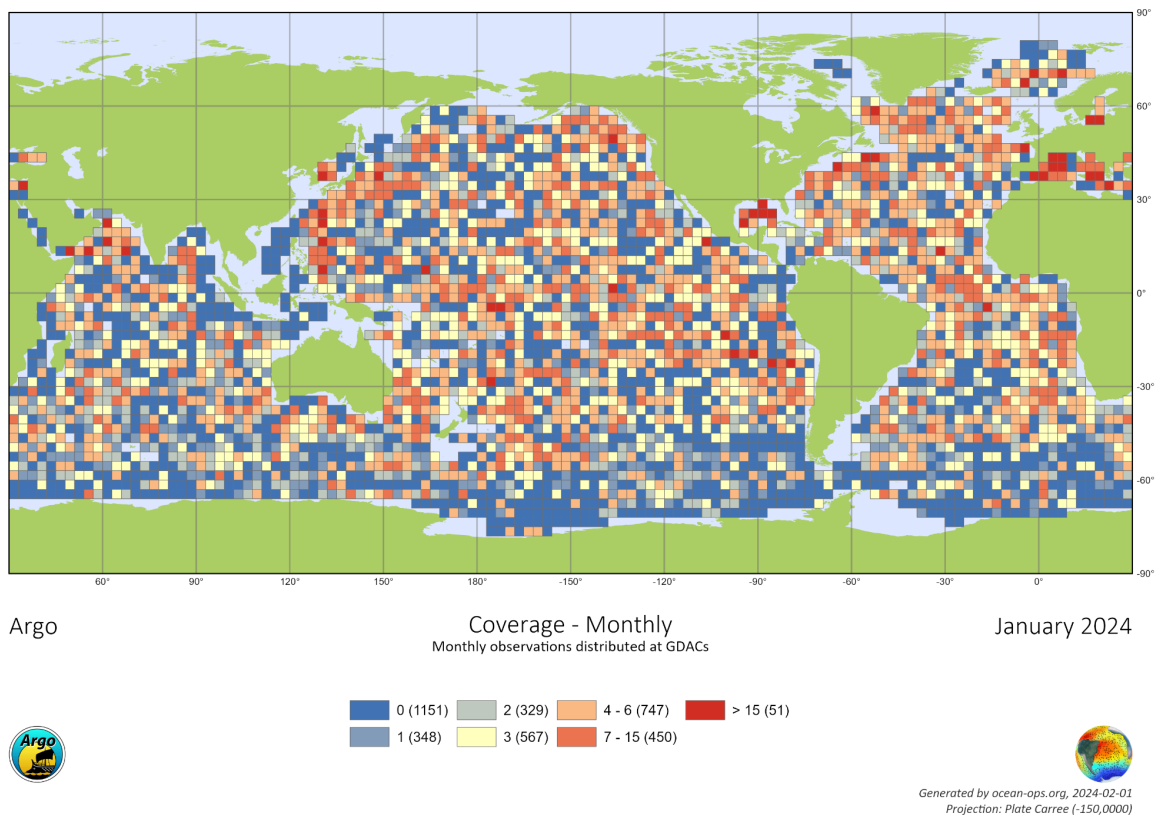


Figure 1. Density of Argo observations in January 2024, the latest monthly observation map available in OceanOPS before the cruise.

As PI of the *Canales Spring 2024* cruise, Joaquín Tintoré (SOCIB) was requested to lead the Argo deployment planning. The R/V SOCIB was planned to carry out the research in the Balearic Sea, through Denia – Ibiza - Mallorca (Fig. 2a). Floats deployed at the Balearic Sea are occasionally driven out to shore land, making this area a difficult region to observe continuously. The survey was divided in several transects, which includes an ideal location for Argo España purposes. RADMED_06 station (Fig. 2b) was selected for the Argo float deployment.

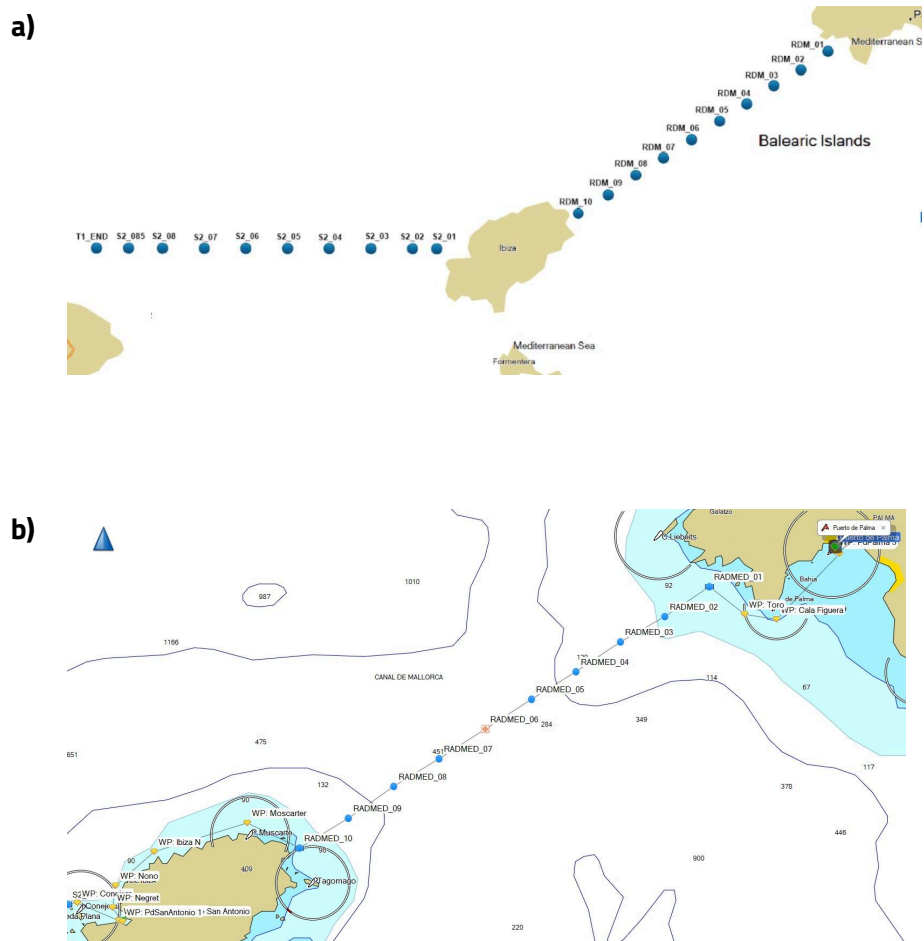


Figure 2. (a) *Canales Spring 2024* cruise plan, and (*b) deployment planned point.

2. Deployment data

Information of the float deployments is shown in these paragraphs.

- a. **WMO 3902505.** The following table contains all the data of the WMO 3902505 deployment during *Canales Spring 2024* cruise, deployed at RADMED_06 station (Fig. 2b). No troubled issues during the deployment were reported. CTD cast is available at the deployment location. Coriolis was notified on May 13, 2024 and all the information was registered at the Argo Information Center database. The data is free and publicly available through the Argo data stream:

<http://www.oceanografia.es/argo/datos/floats/3902505.html>

DATE AND TIME	2024 - 05 - 13 / 11:30 UTC
DEPLOYMENT LOCATION	39° 16'38.85" N 1° 58'33.79" E
DEPLOYMENT PLATFORM	R/V SOCIB
CRUISE ID	<i>Canales Spring 2024</i>
FLOAT OWNER	SOCIB
PLATFORM TYPE	NKE Arvor - I
SERIAL NUMBER	AI2600-23SP010
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM	IRIDIUM
PARKING DEPTH (m)	350
PROFILE DEPTH (m)	2000
DEPLOYMENT DEPTH (m)	615
WEATHER CONDITIONS	<i>waves 0.2 m, wind 2.5 knots, air temperature 23 °C, sunny</i>
OPERATOR NAME	Lara Díaz-Barroso
STAFF INVOLVED	Irene Lizarán, Josep Baeza, Pau Balaguer

Table 1. WMO 3902505 information deployment.

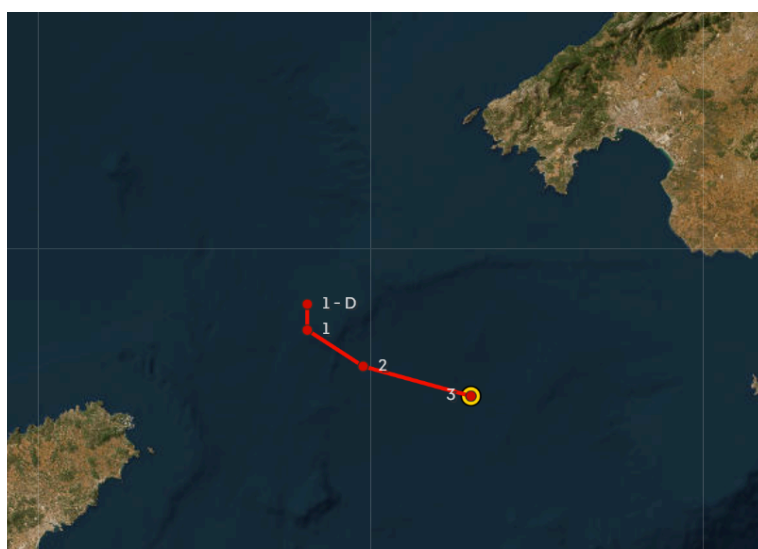
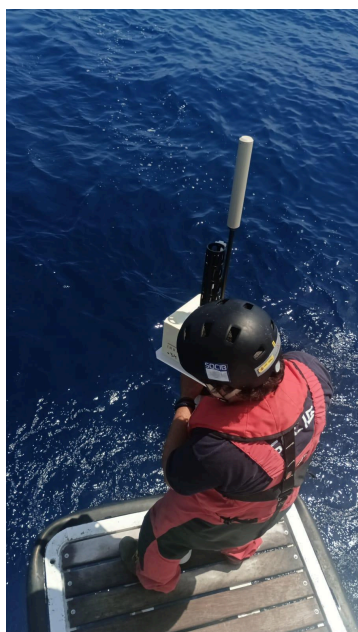
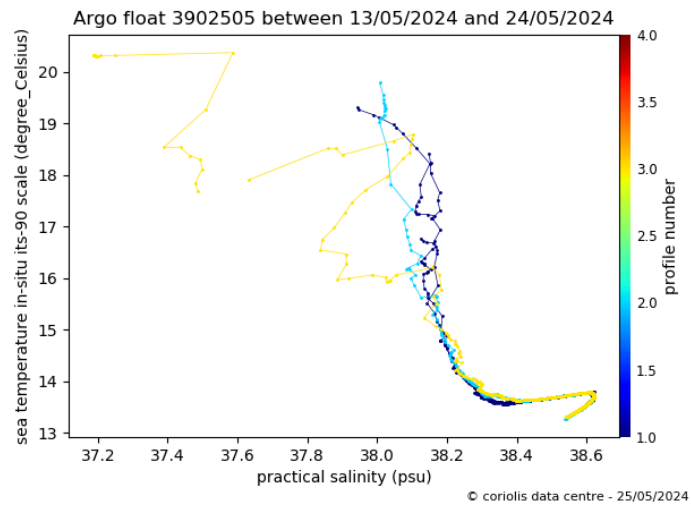
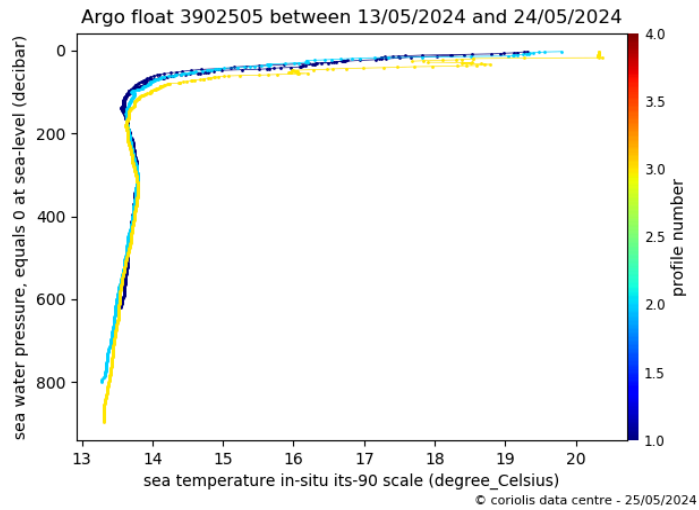


Figure 3. Left: Deployment of the float WMO 3902505 from R/V SOCIB. Right: Deployment location and trajectory. Source: [Argo Fleet Monitoring](#).

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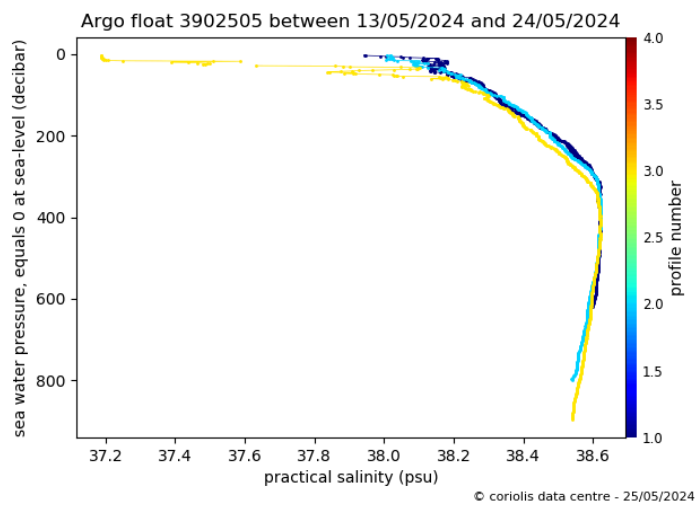


Figure 4. (a) The T-S diagram of the data collected by WMO 3902505. (b) Potential Temperature and (c) Salinity profiles. Source: [Argo Fleet Monitoring](#).

3. Float configuration

“MC” parameters (table 4) were set according to the scientific requirements and the oceanographic area of study (Balearic Sea). The float WMO 3902505 dives up to 2000 m depth carrying out cycles of 125 h, with a parking depth of 350 m.

Mission Commands		Values	Units
Command no.	Name		
MC0	Total Number of Cycles	999	
MC1	Number of cycle with “Cycle Period 1”	999	
MC2	Cycle Period 1	125	hours
MC3	Cycle Period 2	125	hours
MC4	Reference Day	2	internal day number
MC5	Estimated time at the surface	6	hour
MC6	Delay Before Mission	30	minutes
MC7	CTD sampling mode (1=Continuous, 2=Eco, 3=Mixed, 4=Spot sampling)	1	
MC8	Descent CTD sampling period	0	seconds
MC9	Drift CTD sampling period	3	hours
MC10	Ascent CTD sampling period	10	seconds
MC11	Drift pressure 1	350	decibars
MC12	Profile pressure 1	2000	decibars
MC13	Drift pressure 2	1000	decibars
MC14	Profile pressure 2	2000	decibars
MC15	Alternate cycle number (1=not used, x=1/x alternated profile)	1	
MC16	Alternate profile pressure	2000	decibars
MC17	Threshold surface/Intermediate Pressure	400	decibars
MC18	Threshold Intermediate /bottom Pressure	1400	decibars
MC19	Thickness of the surface slices	1	decibars
MC20	Thickness of the intermediate slices	2	decibars
MC21	Thickness of the bottom slices	5	decibars
MC22	Iridium End of Life Period	1440	minutes
MC23	Time between 1st&2nd Iridium session(0=no 2nd session)	0	minutes
MC24	Grounding mode (0=Shift, 1=Stay grounded)	0	
MC25	Grounding shift	50	decibars
MC26	Wait at surface if grounding	10	minutes
MC27	Optode type (0=no optode, 1=4330, 2=3830, 3=ext. sensor)	0	
MC28	CTD CutOff pressure	2	decibars
MC29	In air acq.: Periodicity of in air measurement (0=no acq., 1=acq. on each cycle, x=acq. on 1/x cycle)	0	
MC30	In air acq.: Sampling period	30	seconds
MC31	In air acq.: Acquisition duration	5	minutes

Table 2. Configuration sheet for the float deployed during *Canales Spring 2024* cruise.

4. Acknowledgements

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